

RAILROADS CAR MERGER

Splits With Oyster in Committee Conferences—"Voluntary" Union Seems Unlikely.

There will be no voluntary merger of the street railway companies of the District of Columbia. This is the information gained from members of the committee who have been conferring at the District building for several weeks. The committee is made up of Commissioners Oyster and Kutz, Messrs. Ham and Allen, of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, and Messrs. Hamilton and Hanna, of the Capital Traction Company.

One of the obstacles in the way of a merger is said to be the stand taken by Commissioner Kutz that he will not hear to a merger of the Potomac Electric Power Company and the Washington Railway and Electric Company until after a street car merger. In this stand Kutz is alone. Commissioner Oyster is agreeable to a merger of the two utilities before a union of the street car companies.

Another "fly in the ointment" is said to be the attitude of Commissioner Oyster. The conference agreed to maintain secrecy until they were ready to announce a decision. Commissioner Kutz was designated as the spokesman, if anything was to be given out to the newspapers. Despite this agreement, it is said, Commissioner Oyster has given out statements on what he proposes to do, and on Saturday issued the information that if the conferees did not agree by Tuesday, he would ask the Public Utilities Commission, of which he is a member, to reduce the street car fare to seven cents, or four cents for a quarter, and raise the electric light rates to 10 cents from its present price of 8 1/2 cents.

It is understood the officials of the companies have taken Oyster's statement as a threat and refused to be threatened.

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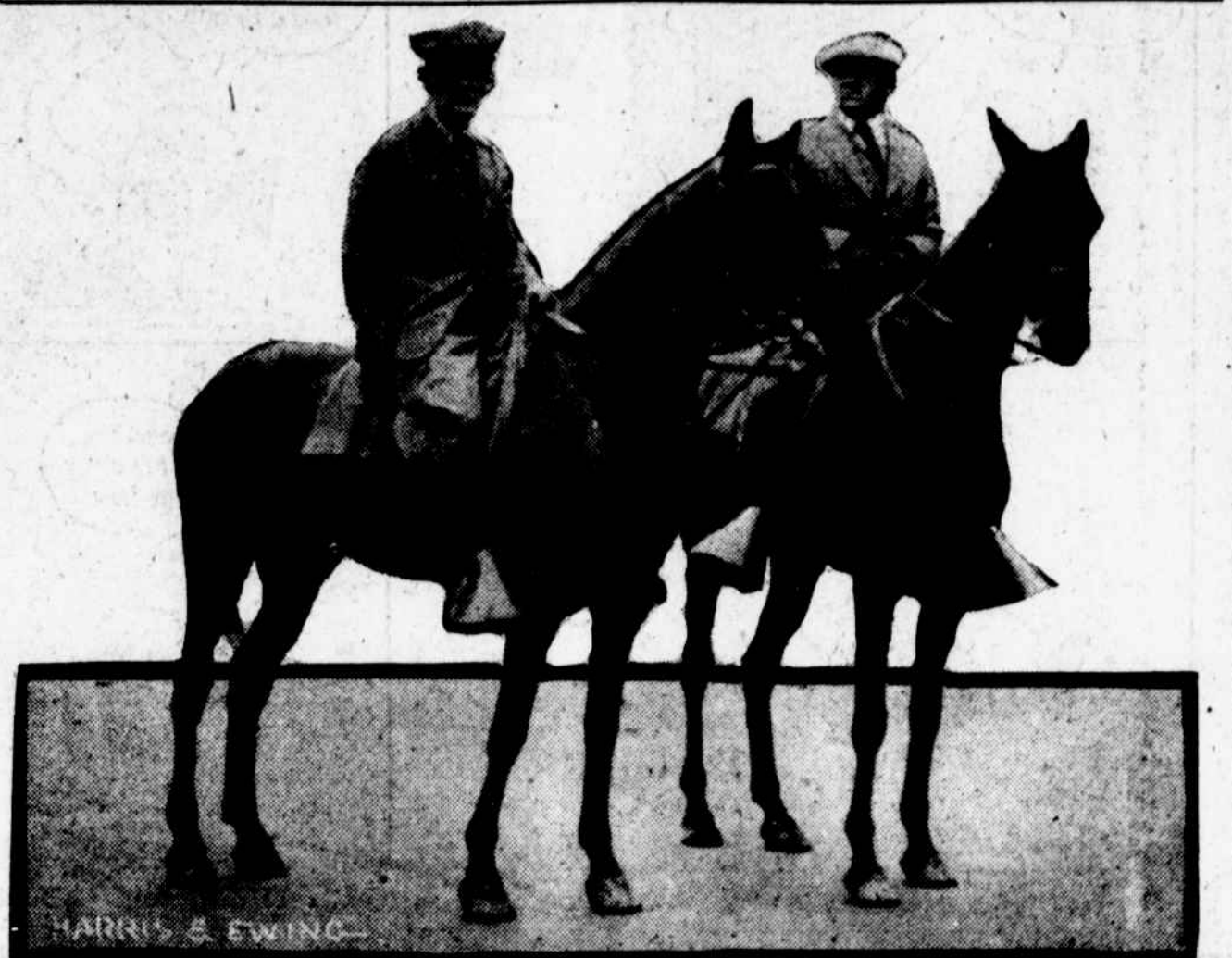
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GEORGE B. CHRISTIAN, JR., secretary to President Harding, and Lieut. Joseph Mathieson, the President's orderly, after they returned today from a refreshing gallop through Potomac Park. It is probable that President Harding also will become a devotee of horseback riding as there are several splendid horses in the White House stables, all groomed for the Executive.



Crippled Marvel With 14 Professions Says Nature "Evens Things"

C. Lee Cook, Helpless in Limbs, Works 17 Hours Daily to Make Folks Happy.

"Muscle is the cheapest thing in the world—I can buy all I want. But I can't buy ability so easily."

This, with a laugh, is the comment of a fifty-year-old optimist who has never known the advantages or disadvantages of muscular development—a man who has never walked in his life.

C. Lee Cook, nationally famous as the marvel of crippleddom, is marked rather by his accomplishments than by his strange disfigurement.

Propped up in an especially designed perambulator, the product of his own invention, Cook modestly told a Times reporter at the Continental Hotel today a few of the high lights of a career strengthened rather than broken by an odd whim of Nature.

Cook is here to attend the convention for amity between the colored and white races at the Congressional Church. Racial understanding is one of many things this dynamo for work has found time to study.

Does Not Miss Limbs. Most surprising was Cook's statement that he would not be interested in any tricks of science which might bring to him the use of his limbs.

"I would be a lost man if I had my muscles," he said. "I am no longer sensitive to the observations of others as they seek to sympathize with me for my physical condition. As a matter of fact, I sympathize with many who pity me."

And Cook has a right to do the sympathizing, for there are few people, handicapped by a single physical fault, who can make their living at fourteen professions, as can Cook.

He is a mechanical engineer, an architect, an author, lecturer, artist, contractor, purchasing agent, lawyer, and manufacturer. If anyone thinks that in addition he might be an easy mark, he is invited to step up and engage his wits.

People who think I'm terribly out of luck," said Cook, "forget that nature provides compensation. I can't walk, but my capacity for mental effort is unusually great. I'm a great little worker, and my hours are regularly seventeen a day. I don't say this as a boast, but merely to show how I have been compensated."

FEWER MOVIES, MORE BOOKS, COOK URGES

C. Lee Cook, wonder of crippleddom and master of fourteen professions, says:

"Washington would become the world center of prodigies if her young men would only utilize the resources of the Congressional Library."

"Young people should cut down on movies and do a little more studying."

"Muscle is the cheapest thing in the world—I haven't any, but I can buy all I want. Buying ability is another thing."

"A man who is a janitor doesn't need to be a janitor always. A good janitor will soon be holding down a more important job. A man I once employed as janitor is now making \$1,000 a year. I know, because I'm paying it."

"Being physically imperfect is a little inconvenient, but Nature usually provides compensations."

"Talking three hours at a stretch tires orators because they haven't learned to breathe properly. I have an endless capacity for talking because I talk from the diaphragm and not from the throat. Talking used to tire me until I studied how to do it correctly."

If Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, were much time should be spent in developing cripples, would engage with me in a test of sustained mental concentration, each of us doing the particular problem he chose, neither eating, sleeping nor resting until the work was completed—I would kill him through exhaustion.

Stopping for lunch is only an occasional incident with Cook. He is very careful to keep in good health, and the color of his cheeks today gave evidence of that. Cook has never had a dentist look at his teeth, nor has he ever worn glasses despite his almost perfect eyesight. He is very interested in problems whose solution will make others happier. He is working on his hobby of promoting racial understanding.

"How much better it would be if white folks would show negroes how to become good citizens by becoming better examples themselves," he argues. "Treating the problem sanely will eliminate it as a problem. And I'm a good Southern Democrat, too!"

The Convention for Amity Between the Colored and White Races will open at the Congressional Church Thursday, continuing through Saturday. In addition to Cook and Mrs. Cook, prominent speakers will include William H. Randall, of Boston; Dr. Jason Noble Pierce, ex-Senator from N. C.; Albert Vail, of Chicago; Mrs. Gabrielle Pelham, Senator Theodore Burton, Congressman Martin B. Madden, Ahmad Sohrab, of California, and Jenab Fazl Mazandarani, of Persia.

COME ON, SKINNAY! CIRCUS IS IN TOWN

Big White Top City All Ready, With Elephants N' Everything for Children.

If the host of Sunday visitors to the circus grounds at Camp Meigs can be taken as a criterion, Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus is the biggest show in town today. Fully 10,000 persons paid the "greatest show on earth" a Sunday call and watched with unalloyed interest the erection of the big tented city.

Those who journeyed to the new show grounds at Fourth street and Florida avenue did not go in vain, for strange scenes and interesting sights were on every hand. The five long circus trains made a good run from Philadelphia, the last section arriving at 11 a. m. By noon the twenty-seven tents, including the gigantic "big top" were in place.

During the afternoon the scores of animal wagons and the tons of paraphernalia and properties used in the show were wheeled into place. Two of the biggest elephants were used as motive power to help the teams of horses place the wagons on the show lot. The crowd of spectators seemed never to tire of watching the pachyderms exert their tremendous strength in pushing the heavy wagons around. This morning the final preparations were made for the opening performance this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

As previously announced, no street parade was given. Owing to the tremendous size of the show this year, the management claims that it is impossible to parade and also do full justice to the opening performance.

Every pound of horse power is needed in getting the 104 carloads of equipment onto the lot and the tents erected by 1 p. m. every day. Of course, a parade could be given in the cities where the circus arrives on Sunday and has twenty-four extra hours to get ready, such as here. Carrying the massive parade wagons and floats and using them but once a week is, however, out of the question.

Tonight the doors to the menagerie will be open at 7 p. m. and the "grand entry" is scheduled for 8 o'clock. The performance will be given Tuesday, afternoon and night.

Police Asked to Find Boy. Police were this morning asked to search for Norman E. Truitt, sixteen years old, of Anacostia road southeast, who has been missing from his home with a boy companion since late Friday afternoon. Truitt's father, who is janitor of Van Buren School, told the police the boys had driven off in his automobile. Because the boys have not been heard from for three days, the father believes they may have met with an accident. Young Truitt is employed as a laborer at the Van Buren School.

Repeat "Drama of St. Rita." A repetition of the Italian play, "Drama of St. Rita," written by Dr. Aurelio Palmieri, will be given next Sunday night at 8:15 o'clock in Carroll Hall, Tenth and G streets northwest. The play was staged about two weeks ago and is being repeated at the request of Washington Catholics.

The play was enacted by the ladies of the dramatic club of the Holy Trinity Parish. As May 22 is St. Rita's day in the Catholic Church, it was deemed appropriate to put on the drama then. The author will be present at the performance.

FOR YOUR HOME Your home will be much more cheerful and homelike if you decorate the walls with enlargements of pictures you yourself have taken. There is a touch of personality about enlargements that is totally lacking in any other sort of decoration. Let us help you select a few of your best negatives and make them up in any size you want. Your choice of black and white or Sepia tone.

The NATIONAL Remembrance Shop (Mr. Foster's Shop) 14th St., one door from Pa. Ave.

WIFE, BABIES PUT IN STREET

Little Family, Penniless; Soldier-Husband Sick; Red Tape Blocks Compensation.

"Where do we go from here?" the merry refrain of the famous war song, applies with tragic realism to Mrs. May Dilliplane and her two little babies, left penniless by the illness of their father, an ex-service man.

SO MANY FOR RENT. In a little bare room at 817 Thirtieth street northwest, the wife of the ex-service man, has been living for two weeks on the bounty of the Red Cross. Today she has packed up all her belongings, her rent is due and she has no money to pay for another two weeks. She does not know where she is going.

Lloyd Dilliplane, formerly of Company C, 103d Engineers, lies ill at the Port McHenry Hospital, where he has been confined for three weeks with tuberculosis and a mental disease, contracted during service at Camp Hancock, Ga., according to his wife.

He received his discharge two years ago. During all this time he has not received a penny of compensation from the War Risk Insurance, his wife declares. The little family has been living on the charity of neighbors, her husband being unable to work.

It's just another one of those cases of Government red tape, which in his case has kept a family in destitute circumstances for two years. Dilliplane wrote the Bureau of War Risk Insurance to apply for his compensation two years ago, his wife says, and since wrote regularly. Yet he had received no reply up to three weeks ago.

HERE TO GET COMPENSATION. So the little mother with her two children, one three years and the other sixteen months, appealed to neighbors in their home town, Danville, Pa., who had been assisting their long time, for money to come to Washington to find out why.

Three weeks ago they arrived at the Port McHenry Hospital, where they and the husband, through the War Risk, found the hospital again. Now the funds the Red Cross supplied have run out, their two weeks' stay at 817 Thirtieth street northwest, the Red Cross says, is up.

"But I can't go back to Pennsylvania," said Mrs. Dilliplane helplessly. "I have no money. And when I get home I will be no better off than when I came to Washington. And they told me that the War Risk that it would take from six weeks to a month to get my husband's compensation through."

"Where shall I go? What shall I do?" she asked helplessly. She is in delicate health. She has no relatives except an old father and mother, who are supported by her young sister.

MELLON IS NAMED IN FIGHT ON RATES

U. S. Railroads Seek Injunction Against Charges for Crossing into Canada.

Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, was cited today by an order signed by Justice Hitz, of the District Supreme Court, to show cause May 26 why he should not be enjoined from applying the provisions of the water-carriers' law of February 13, 1911, to railroads crossing into Canada and from assessing the railroads with the cost of baggage inspection.

The order of the court is based on a suit for injunction filed by the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company, which claims it has been illegally assessed for extra compensation to customs inspectors and has been threatened with refusal to allow its trains to cross the Canadian border between 8 p. m. and 8 a. m. unless the accounts are paid.

Firefighters to Dine. The City Fire Fighters' Association will give a buffet supper in honor of former District Commissioner J. Thilman Hendrick in the Crystal Room of the New Elbitt Hotel at 8:15 o'clock Wednesday night.

Times Free Bicycle Contest Gets Under Way With Big Rush

The Washington Times Bicycle Contest for boys and girls, in which \$300,000 worth of bicycles will be awarded youngsters who obtain subscriptions for this paper, started with a rush today.

Although announcement of the contest was made only yesterday, this morning's mail brought letters from several hundred boys and girls who eagerly clamored for the details as to how soon they could start to work on their subscription lists and get their bicycles.

The contest was launched most auspiciously, and it looks as if all of the 5,000 bicycles which are to be given away by this paper will be in the hands of boys and girls long before September 1, the day the competition closes.

The young writers whose letters were received today seemed to be remarkably impressed with the lavishness of the offer. The value of the bicycles is \$80 each, and in return for them the boys and girls are asked merely to obtain thirty-five new yearly subscriptions for The Washington Times.

Although the contest will continue until September 1, the boys and girls who send in thirty-five yearly subscriptions will not have to wait until then to get their bicycles. As soon as the first month's subscription price has been received from each of the thirty-five subscribers and the contest manager has verified the statement that they have signed up for a year, the bicycles will be delivered to the enrolling boys and girls.

Every boy and girl living in or near Washington is eligible to enter the contest. All that is necessary is to sign the coupon published in today's paper signifying a desire to participate in the competition. Substantial books are ready and will be turned over to reliable and trustworthy boys and girls.

With these subscription books and by making a canvass among their parents' friends, the boys and girls should have no trouble in getting enough subscriptions in a few days to insure their receiving one of these brand new, fully equipped bicycles.

It should not require any experience in salesmanship or much time to sign up the required number of subscriptions because the boys and girls will be handling a most attractive proposition which should immediately commend itself to prospective subscribers.

The Washington Times sells for 3 cents every weekday afternoon; for twenty-six days this amounts to 78 cents. On Sunday morning The Washington Times and New York American are sold together for 10 cents. For four Sundays this amounts to 40 cents.

This makes a total of \$118 worth of newspaper value which the boys and girls can sell for 75 cents a month by buying the daily and Sunday Morning Times on the streets every day in the year a person would pay \$14.16, but by subscribing for a year at 75 cents a month, the cost would be only \$9.00. Boys and girls who enter the contest should remember this strong selling point.

It is important that contestants remember that to get a bicycle they must turn in NEW subscriptions—those means that the persons they sign up must be men or women who are not now receiving The Washington Times in their homes from a Washington Times carrier. Renewals will not count if the paper is already being delivered to the home by a Washington Times carrier.

Send in your name today and get into this contest. The sooner you get started the sooner you will have your bicycle.

PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM

10:00 a. m.—Senators Newberry and Townsend, both of Michigan.
10:10 a. m.—Senator Broussard, of Louisiana.
10:20 a. m.—Congressman Green of Ohio.
10:30 a. m.—Congressmen Fess, Madden, Wood, Reavis, Campbell and Riddick.
10:40 a. m.—Congressman Wurzbach, of Texas.
11:00 a. m.—Judge Ross, of Tennessee.
11:10 a. m.—Frank R. Stewart, of Arizona.
11:20 a. m.—Congressman Mondell, of Wyoming.
11:30 a. m.—Mr. Garee, of Georgia.
11:35 a. m.—Messrs. Chandler and Beck, of the Boston Industrial League.
12:00 noon.—Mrs. George Poffenberger.
12:15 p. m.—Hon. T. J. O'Brien.
12:30 p. m.—Mr. Williams, Oregon's national committeeman.
12:45 p. m.—Senator Smith, of South Carolina.
Respects: Directors from various States of the American Automobile Association. About 100.

'STOLL FILM' NEARLY READY

"Determination" to Be Completed Within Four Weeks, Promises New President.

Filming of the big photoplay, "Determination," under the newly reorganized United States Moving Pictures Corporation, successor to the United States Photoplay Corporation, which went on the rocks recently, will be entirely completed within four weeks from today, it was announced this morning.

FILM HEAD VISITS CITY. James W. Martin, president of the new company, arrived in Washington today from the studios at Grantwood, N. J.

He explained that, of the entire ten reels which will compose the picture, only two large sets remain unfinished. The continuity and titling, he said, are being completed practically as fast as the scenes are taken, leaving only the elaborate musical setting to be completed.

The filming of the picture received a setback recently when Captain Stoll, organizer of the project, gave up the reins and disappeared. He was last seen on the Pacific coast. Complete reorganization of the company followed.

FINANCES IN GOOD SHAPE. "We are now in good shape financially," stated Mr. Martin this morning. "We have money enough to complete the filming of the picture and then we can begin to pay out returns on the stock."

"Under the first incorporation this stock was practically valueless, but since the reorganization the business is on a sound basis and should be able to pay big dividends. There are in Washington about 500 or 570 stockholders, the remainder of the 2,000 or more being scattered through the Cumberland region of Maryland."

One of the biggest motion-picture publicity campaigns ever launched will be undertaken in connection with the release of "Determination," according to plans now being made.

UNDERWEAR WON'T BE STYLE THIS SUMMER

They are not going to wear much this summer. Take the word of the Federal Reserve Board. It's simply a cold, statistical fact. Underwear is not being worn, as in other years, says the board.

Reserve banks reported that the knit goods manufacturers are producing summer underwear about 40 per cent below normal.

PROOF

of the good developing and printing done by Grove, 1210 G, is shown by the finely finished pictures. Signed Amateur Photographer.

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What's Doing; Where; When

- TODAY.**
Circus—Camp Meigs, Fourth street and Florida avenue, 2 and 8 p. m.
Annual Meeting—Board of Directors of the American Automobile Association, Washington Hotel, 10 a. m.
Meeting—Cosmos Club, clubhouse, 8:30 p. m.
Meeting—Rainbow Division Veterans, 1904 E street northwest, 8 p. m.
Lecture—Principal A. Drumm, of the Y. M. C. A. Labaree—Columbia School, 1728 G street northwest, 6:45 p. m.
Concert—United Marine Band, 8:30 p. m.
Commencement Exercises—Chevy Chase School, 4:30 p. m.
Meeting—Central Citizens' Association, Juvenile Court room, 8 p. m.
Meeting—George Washington Association, Potomac Savings Bank Hall, Wisconsin avenue and M street northwest, 8 p. m.
Election of Officers—Monday Evening Club, Chapel of Galisudet College, 8 p. m.
Meeting—Maine State Association, Thompson School, Twelfth and I streets northwest, 8 p. m.
Address—A Challenge to Young Women, Miss E. E. Pearce, New York Chapter, American Red Cross, Lister Hall, 12:30 p. m.
Play—"Euripides' Electra," benefit of the Wesley College Endowment Fund, National Theatre, 8 p. m.
Horse Show—National Capital Horse Show Grounds, just across Highway Bridge, 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.
Meeting—Veterans Drum Corps, Third C. Infantry, National Guard Armory, 427 L street northwest, 8 p. m.
Meeting—Laborers' Cooperative Society, Parish Hall, John Wesley A. M. E. Church, Fourteenth and Corcoran streets northwest, 8 p. m.
Celebration—Fortieth Anniversary of the National Union Alliance Society, Pythian Temple, 1812 Ninth street northwest, 8 p. m.
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Circus—Camp Meigs, Fourth street and Florida avenue, 2 and 8 p. m.
Annual Meeting—Board of Directors of the American Automobile Association, Washington Hotel, 10 a. m.
Meeting—Terence MacSwiney Council, American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, Parish Hall, Sixth and P streets southwest, 8 p. m.
Meeting—State, War and Navy Council, No. 291, National Union Assurance Society, Pythian Temple, 1912 Ninth street northwest, 8 p. m.
Illustrated Lecture—Emil L. Fischer, Geological Society of Washington, Interior Department auditorium, 8 p. m.
Meeting—Board of Religious Education, Diocese of Washington, Christ Church, Rockville, 7 p. m.
Meeting—Kalorama Citizens' Association, The Highlands, 8 p. m.
Meeting—Columbia Historical Society, Cosmos Club, 8:15 p. m.
Meeting—Papier-Marie, Webster School of Expression, Dancing and Physical Education, Recreation Hall, North Capitol and C streets, 8 p. m.
Meeting—Friendship Circle, Vestry Room of the Washington Hebrew Temple, 7:30 p. m.
Unveiling Ceremonies—Du Pont statue, Du Pont Circle, 2:30 p. m.
Election of Officers—Columbia Women of George Washington University, 2:30 p. m.
Meeting—South Carolina Society, Wilson Normal School, 8 p. m.
Address—Dr. Walter R. Hudson of England, president of the British Union Against Vivisection, Pythian Temple, 1912 Ninth street northwest, 8 p. m.